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"Last year, 316 Members of Congress voted against our amendment to stop an earmark for Charlie Rangel's 'Monument to Me,'" said Rep. Campbell. □ "The question now remains whether these members will continue to enable Rangel's bad behavior."

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"This project was bad enough when we thought it was just one earmark," said Rep. Flake, "but this appears to be an ongoing effort to milk federal taxpayers."

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"If Chairman Rangel tries to slip any more earmarks for his 'Monument to Me' into this year's spending bills, Congressman Campbell and I plan to strike them."

The Washington Post reported yesterday that Chairman Rangel has secured a total of three earmarks for the City College of New York's proposed Charles B. Rangel Center for Public Service.

The City College of New York received an earmark for \$450,000 in the Transportation-Treasury-HUD Appropriations bill for FY06 for "the planning, design, and construction of the Center for Public Service." The College received two more earmarks in the Omnibus Appropriations bill for FY08: a \$245,000 earmark for "planning, design, construction, renovation, and build out of a multipurpose educational facility" and a \$1,950,000 earmark for "the Charles B. Rangel Center for Public Service to prepare individuals for careers in public service, which may include establishing an endowment, library and archives for such center."

Congressman John Campbell of California offered an amendment last year to strike the latter earmark, but the House of Representatives voted 316 to 108 to keep the earmark.